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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE
LITIGATION
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HECTOR BETANCOURT,

Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

-against-

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ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, LTD, AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC., BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY, BFP ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CO., LLC, BFP TOWER C CO. LLC., BFP TOWER C MM LLC., BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC CATASTOPHE, INC. D/B/A BMS CAT, BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, LP, BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP. BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC., BT PRIVATE CLIENTS CORP., DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST CORPORATION, ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC., GENERAL RE SERVICES CORP., GPS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC., HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC, INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO., LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., LEHMAN BROTHERS, INC., LEHMAN COMMERCIAL PAPER, INC., MCCLIER CORPORATION, MERRILL LYNCH & CO, INC., NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC., NEW LIBERTY PLAZA LP, NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, NEW YORK CITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC.,

STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY NA, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CONDOMINIUM (CONDO #1178), THE ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CONDOMINIUM (CONDO #1178), TISHMAN INTERIORS CORPORATION, TRAMMELL CROW COMPANY, TRAMMELL CROW COMPANY, TRAMMELL CROW CORPORATE SERVICES, INC., WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., WFP ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CO., L.P., WFP ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, CO. GP, CORP., WFP RETAIL CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER D HOLDING CO. I L.P., WFP TOWER D HOLDING CO. II L.P., WFP TOWER D HOLDING CO. II L.P., WFP TOWER D. CO., L.P., AND WORLD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, L.P., ET AL,

Defendants. -----X

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION as and for its responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York December 7, 2007

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